

Untimely Levy

Students for Democratic Action share the concern of your columnist, Chalmers M. Roberts (March 26) over the untimely levy expressed by our usually dour Secretary of State at his March 24 press conference.

To compare the rioting students in Indonesia with those which prompted the youthful Foster Dulles to participate in a Sorbonne lark is a tragic misreading of the student mind in the newly emergent Asian nations.

Perhaps no more reliable partner can be found for the future of political regimes in these nations than those impulsive demonstrations of support or rejection of government policy. The rulers of Poland, Hungary and Cuba have learned that student demonstrations provide a most potent form of political action in a police state and have been useless in suppressing them. We hope that the other Mr. Dulles over in CIA gives more weight to the significance of student demonstrations.

Once again the Secretary has made more difficult the task of these American students who will be attending the Fourth Assembly of the World Assembly of Youth this summer in New Delhi. Students from the other 51 nations do not readily share the scorn for their efforts to push governments toward a better future of democracy.

Mr. Dulles has again shown that his bleak earnestness serves often as a cover for a woefully inadequate clarity of vision.

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